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Production of Pulpwood Continues at High Level in the Lake States, 1954

A survey recently completed by the Station shows that pulpwood production in the Lake States amounted to approximately 2,325,000 cords in 1954, compared with 2,091,000 cords in 1953. This was an increase of 11 percent over 1953 but was 10 percent less than the all-time high recorded in 1951. Of the regional total, Minnesota produced about 36 percent, Michigan 34 percent, and Wisconsin 30 percent.

Wisconsin's 1954 pulpwood harvest of 691,000 cords was the largest annual cut of pulpwood ever to be recorded in the state. Over the past 8 years Wisconsin's share of the regional total has increased from about 19 percent in 1946 to 30 percent in 1954. The increased use of locally produced pulpwood has been brought about primarily through greater use of aspen as a pulping species.

Specieswise, there were no significant changes in production of the principal pulpwood species over the previous year. The total cut of the dense hardwood species, however, again increased; 81,000 cords were cut in 1954 compared to 73,000 cords in 1953.

Pulpwood shipments from the western states continued on the downward trend that started in 1952. Western shipments dropped from 104,000 cords in 1953 to 67,000 cords in 1954. Imports from Canada were about the same as those of the previous year.

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Production and Imports of Pulpwood, Lake States, 1954
(In standard cords,unpeeled)

Species and: destination:	Production by states 1/				Imports			
	Minnesota:	Wisconsin:	Michigan:	Region	Other 2/:	U. S.	Canada	Total imports
								Total receipts
Aspen								
Minn.	240,404	12,421	-	252,825	-	36,191	36,191	289,016
Wisc.	13,380	335,894	206,457	555,731	-	10,350	10,350	566,081
Mich.	-	-	185,173	185,173	-	13,156	13,156	198,329
Exported 3/	-	-	12,176	12,176	-	-	-	-
Total	253,784	348,315	403,806	1,005,905	-	59,697	59,697	1,053,428
Balsam fir								
Minn.	51,704	-	-	51,704	-	259	259	51,963
Wisc.	66,469	55,855	104,622	226,946	-	1,628	1,628	228,574
Mich.	119	36	32,637	32,792	-	20,332	20,332	53,124
Total	118,292	55,891	137,259	311,442	-	22,219	22,219	333,661
Birch								
Minn.	17	-	-	17	-	-	-	17
Wisc.	1,154	27,075	5,267	33,496	-	6,325	6,325	39,821
Mich.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,171	27,075	5,267	33,513	-	6,325	6,325	39,830
Hemlock								
Minn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisc.	-	63,234	61,671	124,905	-	-	-	124,905
Mich.	-	-	229	229	-	-	-	229
Total	-	63,234	61,900	125,134	-	-	-	125,134
Pine								
Minn.	117,554	1,010	-	118,564	-	43,873	43,873	162,437
Wisc.	96,383	112,307	6,591	215,281	49,244	33,316	82,560	297,841
Mich.	-	-	36,570	36,570	-	-	-	36,570
Total	213,937	113,317	43,161	370,415	49,244	77,189	126,433	496,849
Spruce								
Minn.	141,187	-	-	141,187	-	29,837	29,837	171,024
Wisc.	91,751	30,385	90,237	212,373	17,845	377,566	395,411	607,789
Mich.	3,598	-	28,538	32,136	-	65,128	65,128	97,264
Total	236,536	30,385	118,775	385,696	17,845	472,531	490,376	876,071
Tamarack								
Minn.	6,421	-	-	6,421	-	-	-	6,421
Wisc.	898	4,179	518	5,595	-	-	-	5,595
Mich.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,319	4,179	518	12,016	-	-	-	12,016
Misc. Hdws.								
Minn. 4/	5,727	-	-	5,727	-	-	-	5,727
Wisc.	-	48,572	-	48,572	-	-	-	48,572
Mich.	-	-	26,406	26,406	90	-	90	26,496
Total	5,727	48,572	26,406	80,705	90	-	90	80,795
All Species								
Minn.	563,014	13,431	-	576,445	-	110,160	110,160	686,606
Wisc.	270,035	677,501	475,363	1,422,899	67,089	429,185	496,274	1,919,174
Mich.	3,717	36	309,553	313,306	90	98,616	98,706	412,012
Exported 3/	-	-	12,176	12,176	-	-	-	-
Total	836,766	690,967	797,092	2,324,826	67,179	637,961	705,140	3,017,798

1/ Vertical column of figures under box heading "Production by States" represents the amount of pulpwood cut in each state.

2/ Western states 67,089 cords; Indiana 90 cords.

3/ Pulpwood shipped to mills outside region.

4/ Balsam poplar (Balm-of-Gilead).